

## Deputy and assistant welcome Jim to the chair



*Philip (left) congratulates Jim whilst Robert looks on.*

The first installation meeting to be held at Ormskirk Masonic Hall for the new Masonic season commenced with Aughton Lodge No 7996. The lodge was well supported by 45 members and visiting brethren including three masters in office. The meeting was opened in a calm and dignified manner by WM and installing master Stewart Cranage, following the usual business of the lodge he had the immense pleasure of welcoming Roger Dunlop as a new joining member. Roger is a retired sales manager and member of St Johns Kilwinning Lodge No 22 (Grand Lodge of Scotland) and

County Palatine Lodge No 2505. Stewart then asked Eric Croston to occupy the senior warden's chair and Mike Dutton a member of Lathom Abbey Lodge No 6286 that of the junior warden, with Charles Browne as inner guard. The lodge was honoured on this occasion by the presence of Deputy Provincial Grand Master Philip Gunning and Assistant Provincial Grand Master Robert Wright. The evening's proceedings were in the very capable hands of Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies Mark Barton. Philip and Robert were accompanied into the meeting by grand officers Frank Umbers (Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman), Malcolm Alexander and Ray Barrow. Also in attendance were acting Provincial officers Malcolm Sandywell PrAGDC and John Doyle PrGStwd. Stewart formally welcomed Philip on behalf of the brethren and wished him a pleasant evening and offered him the gavel of the lodge. In his response Philip paid tribute to the recent passing of Frank Smith a much respected member of Aughton Lodge. Before handing the gavel back Philip said how much he was looking forward to the ceremony and thanked Stewart for the very warm welcome he had received. Jim Carrie was then presented as master elect to the lodge by John Doyle and Gerard Knibbs. Stewart then installed Jim into the chair of King Solomon in a warm and sincere manner. The working tools of the third, second and first degrees were excellently presented by Derek Westby, Stewart Cranage and Charles Browne. The address to the master was presented in an eloquent manner by Stewart and that to the wardens was given by Eric Croston similarly delivered with great warmth. The address to the brethren was delivered by the principal guest Philip Gunning in a very sincere manner. The address to the deacons presented by Eddie Harrison, inner guard by Ian Tupling and the stewards by John Doyle. Philip, bringing greetings from the Provincial Grand Master Tony Harrison, congratulated Jim on attaining the chair and wished him and the brethren an enjoyable, healthy and fulfilling year in office. He also congratulated all those that had taken part in the ceremony, in particular mentioning the excellent installation undertaken by Stewart assisted by the other installing officers. At the conclusion of the ceremony Jim presented Philip with two cheques: £300 for the Tercentenary Fund and £150 to Friends

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*Pictured from left to right, are: Ray Barrow, Malcolm Alexander, Malcolm Sandywell, Frank Umbers, Philip Gunning, Jim Carrie, Robert Wright, Stewart Cranage, John Doyle, Eddie Harrison and Mark Barton.*

*Continued from previous page* of Tithebarn. A further cheque was then presented to Frank Umbers for £150 for the Ormskirk Masonic Hall. Jim also announced that further cheques had been distributed to the following; £800 Legacy Rainbow House and £300 Motor Neurone Disease. Philip congratulated the brethren for their generosity on behalf of the worthy recipients. Following the meeting the brethren retired to the festive board to conclude an excellent evening. The menu comprised of woodland mushroom soup, hand carved sugar baked ham with seasonal vegetables, followed by sherry trifle or cheese and biscuits. During his response to the toast to the grand officers Philip paid tribute to Eddie Harrison saying that he had been a shining example during his year as an active officer and a credit to his lodge. He went on to say that it was always a pleasure to visit Aughton Lodge due to the very high quality of the ritual which has been nurtured over the years through the dedication of lodge secretary Derek Westby and he hoped this would continue for many years to come. During the evening musical entertainment was provided by Howard Linaker with everyone joining in with the master's song. A very memorable and emotional night for Jim.

## Don celebrates 60 years in Freemasonry



*Robert Wright (left) presenting Don with his jubilee certificate.*

Within the Ormskirk and Bootle Group the Old Crosbeian Lodge No 4992 is unique, as it is the only lodge to meet at Merchant Taylors' School Crosby instead of at a Masonic hall. The lodge's membership consist of past students, teachers and parents of pupils of the school; meeting in the music room that is converted to a lodge room for each meeting. The recent meeting of the lodge was the celebration for Donald (Don) Laurie's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Freemasonry, with the lodge being honoured for the evening by the presence of principle guest Assistant Provincial Grand Master Robert Wright. Robert was accompanied by Assistant Provincial Grand Master David Winder who is responsible for the South Fylde and Preston Groups, Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman, Frank Umbers; and the lodge was also graced with the presence of a large number of grand officers and Provincial officers for the occasion. The worshipful master, Ian Walton, warmly welcomed everyone to the evening's

celebration, before opening the lodge. Once the lodges business had been completed, Ian proceeded to open up to the second and third degrees, where the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies Mark Barton was admitted into the room. Mark announced Robert Wright was without and demanded admission and he was duly admitted into the lodge room in a magnificent possession of grand officers and the Provincial team. Ian warmly welcomed Robert and offered him the gavel of the lodge, which he graciously accepted saying: "I am delighted to be here this evening." Robert then invited Don to sit in a chair which had been placed in front of the master's pedestal, asking him to relax and enjoy the evening. The brethren were then treated to a splendid and detailed account of Don's life. Robert started his presentation to Don by saying: "It is always a pleasure to have a celebration in any part of our lives. Our memories over the years are punctuated by celebrations be they birthdays, marriage, children or anniversaries. It is a time to share our joy with others. It is therefore very pleasing to see so many distinguished brethren here this evening. You are all very welcome especially as I know many of you have travelled a long way to be here and I thank you all most sincerely for your support of our celebrant. It is my honour to lead that celebration tonight of 60 years in Freemasonry of a very distinguished brother who has given his time and energy in service not only to Freemasonry, but to family and the community. This celebration brethren is a special one as indeed are any 60th celebrations and I hope that this will be a celebration which not only you will remember, but will stay with our celebrant for many years to come." Robert then informed the brethren of some of the notable events from the year Don was born in 1934. During that year the driving test was introduced, Fred Perry won Wimbledon and The Queensway Tunnel was opened by King George V. Don was born in Walton, Liverpool, to Betty and Samuel Laurie.

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*Continued from previous page* During the war Don was not evacuated but remained in Liverpool, describing the conditions during the war as a child as seeming like a great adventure, watching the bombs fall, Barrage balloons tethered in the playing fields behind his house and abandoned tennis courts making superb football pitches. During this time Don started to attend Merchant Taylors School in 1943 as a day boy and was also a choirboy at Christ Church, Bootle. On leaving Merchant Taylors in 1951, Don was articled to William James Glass of Glass and Edwards Accountants, Stanley Street, Liverpool; where he qualified as a chartered accountant and so set the base for his future career. Don married the week after his results were published in 1958, during which he spent the first years of his married life carrying out National Service. Don's National Service was deferred, whilst he completed his articles. In 1958, Don joined the RAF, initially based at Wilmslow where he duly produced his Combined Cadet Force Card with details of the courses completed whilst he was at Merchant Taylors. The instructors were surprised to hear that it granted him exemption for the six weeks square bashing due to all the other recruits. Indeed Don turned it round and assisted them. Don was then posted to the accounts section at Hereford, where the airbase of 4,000 had been abandoned the week before, leaving behind only the accounts and gliding sections. With little to do Don enjoyed the gliding opportunities offered but before he could gain his gliding licence Don was transferred to Haydock. From Haydock Don requested transfer to Woodvale and eventually found himself again with little to do but enjoyed flying with the University Squadron based there. Robert went on to say that after completing National Service in 1960, Don joined in partnership with his father at Priest and Laurie, North John Street, Liverpool, the first ever Estate Agents in Liverpool founded in 1823; a very successful business with interests in property and finance. With the growth of Building Societies, they were kept busy and following an approach by the Bradford and Bingley Building Society (eventually Santander) Don agreed terms for a takeover with Don taking a position as auditor. During negotiations Don unfortunately suffered a heart attack whilst on Mount Snowdon, so it became impossible to take this position and on completion of the takeover he retired aged 51. Robert then reflected on Don's earlier years. When Don was aged 20 he met Olive whilst Youth Hostelling with friends at Rudyard Lake, in the Lake District. Olive was a scientific research worker at Unilever, Port Sunlight. They were married in February 1958 and have two children Susan and Andrew. Don and Olive celebrated their golden wedding anniversary eight years ago. One of Don's passions is Lakeland Terriers and Don is a Patron of the Lakeland Terrier Club which is the U.K. national club for pure bred, Kennel Club registered, Lakeland Terriers. Founded in 1932, it is the senior of three U.K. clubs that promote the breed. Robert then highlighted Don's Masonic career. Don was initiated into Calderstones Lodge No 5479 on the 16 October 1956 as a Lewis. Don's father had the greatest of pleasure and honour of initiating him into Freemasonry; he also passed and raised him, and installed Don in to the chair of King Solomon. Robert said: "There are very few Masons who can claim that achievement." Don served as master of Calderstones Lodge in 1968 and subsequently as auditor and group representative; sadly the lodge handed in its warrant in 2007. Don joined Old Crosbeians Lodge in 1972 and was installed as master in 2000, served eight years for the lodge as treasurer and as RMBI festival representative in 1981. In 1978 Don joined Lathom Lodge No 2229, where he also served as treasurer and steward (a tradition for members of the rank of PJGD) and Lodge of Peace and Unity No 314 in 1995, who meet in Preston where Don is a group representative and auditor. In East Lancashire Don is a member of Blakewater Lodge of Installed Masters No 9574 which meets in Darwen and Blackburn. Don was appointed Provincial Grand Treasurer in 1977 and served the Province as auditor until external auditors were appointed. In 1982 Don received his first grand rank as PAGDC and was promoted in 1998 to the rank of PJGD. In Royal Arch, Don was exalted into Chapter of Tranquillity No 3887 in February 1966 and was first principal in 1971; serving as Scribe Ezra for 18 years, sadly the

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*Robert Wright, Don Laurie and Ian Walton, with the grand officers and the Provincial team.*

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## Past master presents cheques to two local charities



*Alun Owen, Stewart Cranage, Moira Furlong and Sandra Smith MND.*

Stewart Cranage, immediate past master of Aughton Lodge No 7996, recently had the pleasant duty of presenting cheques to two charities he holds very dear to his heart. The first was for £300 to the Merseyside Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, which he presented to Alun Owen Chair of the Association Board of Trustees, Moira Furlong Branch Treasurer and Sandra Smith Branch Chair. The Merseyside Branch of the MND Association is operated entirely by volunteers and has the sole aim of serving all those people in the area affected by Motor Neurone Disease (MND). This includes people with MND, their carers, and families. MND is an incurable condition that paralyses the muscles leaving people unable to do everyday things the rest of us take for granted. Walking, talking and swallowing become virtually impossible.

Sandra Smith, Chair of the Merseyside branch extended her sincere thanks to the brethren of Aughton Lodge for their generous donation and said that every penny will support people in the Merseyside area living with MND.

The second charity to receive much needed funds from the generosity of the brethren of Aughton Lodge was the staff and volunteers at the Legacy Rainbow House for the sum of £800. This local charity located in Mawdesley receives no statutory funding and has to raise £10,000 per week to fund and develop its services. It is therefore highly reliant on donations and the staff were absolutely delighted with such a generous amount. Rainbow House provides rehabilitation, education and fun for children, young people and adults with neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy, brain injury, stroke, MS and genetic conditions. They are currently supporting 65 families.



*The Legacy Rainbow House staff very pleased to receive generous donation from Aughton lodge.*

## A ceremony well worth waiting for

With everyone in place and the time for the installation ceremony rapidly approaching Ormskirk Priory Lodge No 4007 meeting at the Ormskirk Masonic Hall had two things missing 'yes you have guessed' the installing master and the master elect. Unavoidably held up in traffic WM John Rawcliffe and master elect Alan Ashcroft had barely enough time to put on their regalia before taking their places for the start of the ceremony. This would have been enough to flummox even the hardiest of men but this was not the case for after apologising to the brethren John warmly welcomed everyone and what was to follow was an excellent ceremony of installation. After the usual opening business of the lodge John opened in the second and third degree when lodge DC Bert Patterson informed him that the Assistant Provincial Grand Master Robert Wright was without and demanded admittance.

Robert was then admitted accompanied by grand officers Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman Frank Umbers, John Wilcox and Malcolm Alexander. Also in attendance were acting Provincial officers Malcolm Sandywell PrAGDC, John Doyle and Peter Martin PrGStwds, Paul Hardman PrSGD and Ian Walton PrJGD. John then asked Ian Kennedy to occupy the senior warden's chair, Stuart Cunningham that of the junior warden, and Peter Fairclough as inner guard. Alan Ashcroft was then presented by lodge secretary Trevor Martin, following which he was installed into the chair of King Solomon in an exemplary manner. This is the second time in his Masonic career that Alan has taken on the master-ship of a lodge; having served as WM in Harrock Lodge No 8233 in 1978. The working tools of the third, second (long version) and first degrees were excellently presented by Bert Patterson, John Rawcliffe and Ian Kennedy respectively. The address to the master was delivered in a very warm and sincere manner by John. This was followed by the address to the brethren given by the principal guest Robert; which concluded the ceremony of installation. Robert then brought greetings on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master Tony Harrison wishing Alan a happy and successful year in office. He went on to say that if Tony had been present he would have congratulated John on a most dignified ceremony and also on his rendition of the second degree working tools delivered the long way; which he had rarely heard presented better. Alan then had the pleasure of presenting Robert with a cheque for £300 for the Tercentenary Fund and another for £100 for Friends of Tithebarn. At the festive board 41 brethren enjoyed a delightful meal of soft yoked black pudding scotch egg with salad dressing, braised beef with seasonal vegetables and for dessert apple pie and custard. Later during the evening Frank had the pleasure of presenting Alan with the lodge's Hall Stone Jewel giving a well-received explanation of its origin, saying that Alan should wear it with pride whenever he represents his lodge.



*Robert congratulates Alan*



*Pictured from left to right, are: Peter Martin, Ian Walton, Malcolm Alexander, Frank Umbers, Robert Wright, Alan Ashcroft, John Rawcliffe, John Wilcox, Paul Hardman, Malcolm Sandywell and John Doyle.*

The Ormskirk and Bootle Group Web Site is now fully up and running and is there for your use.

Pages with information on lodge and chapter installations, celebrations, lodge histories, social events, contact details, lost and found and the latest reports on what is happening in the Ormskirk and Bootle group. If you have not yet visited our web site, just enter the following in your web browser:  
[www.http://ormskirkbootle.westlancsfreemasons.org.uk](http://ormskirkbootle.westlancsfreemasons.org.uk) We are interested in continuing to improve the information we provide, so please let us know if you have any entries or suggestions for new content. Perhaps there is a subject in Craft or the Royal Arch you feel is important and is not currently covered.

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## Jottings from Ed Banger

I love reading the likes of tripadvisor and recall some of the types of comments which tend to repeat themselves in various guises along with personal memories:

1. The solitary desk for “x” airline had over 200 tired travellers waiting to be processed at Rome Airport. Getting their own back for Brexit?
2. We had a cruise drinks package, which was spoiled as children with greasy fingers were allowed at the cocktail bars while eating pizzas, Ed Banger comments: I love kids; I went to school with them.
3. The doorman (Costas) the desk staff (Nana and Maria) the barman (Nikis) the chamber maid (Angelina) etc. etc. etc.

Who are you trying to impress with your memory and they'll all have forgotten you?

4. I've stayed at Banyan Tree, Ritz Carlton, Four Seasons, Taj etc. etc. So, we're all impressed with your travels and guess what, your current choice (article) was a let-down. You get what you pay for comes to mind.
5. Eh lad! Hast any bisto? Sorry sir, but I don't speak Spanish.
6. The place was full of foreigners.
7. The toilet on the plane didn't have a window. A fair point as it takes a certain type of deviant to look in on you at 35000 feet.
8. Some years ago.... on a Yugoslav jet with a 3 and 3 seat configuration one side was non-smoking and the other was smoking!!\*\*\*\*\*
9. Hey bud! ....so you're from England... i have a sister who lives in high why-combi. Do you happen to know her?

To conclude I recall reading about the famous jazz club owner, Ronnie Scott saying “I'm just back from a 2 class flight on air Bombay. They didn't serve food in economy, but those travellers were allowed to come into the first class compartment and beg.”

Don't let this put you off travelling as more and more places are becoming off limits. But even Hilbre Island can be dangerous if you underestimate the tide!



*The Queen meeting young Andrew at Alder Hey Hospital.*

## Andrew meets the Queen

The son of a master Mason from Eureka Lodge in the Province of West Lancashire was given the honour of meeting Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip when they opened the new Alder Hey Hospital in Liverpool. Fourteen year old Andrew Lennon was chosen to represent the Teenage Cancer Trust at the hospital's official opening.

Approximately two years ago Andrew was diagnosed with a very rare tumour in his thigh muscle. Following an operation to

remove the tumour Andrew has undergone many months of treatment at Alder Hey and has benefitted from the support of the Teenage Cancer Trust. Andrew's father John who is the worshipful master of Eureka Lodge said: “The past two years have been a challenge for my family however I have been supported throughout this time by members of my lodge especially those who meet for a class of instruction on a Tuesday evening. Their words of encouragement have meant a lot to my family and myself. I am also very grateful to the lodge for the donations they have made to several cancer charities and to Alder Hey Hospital itself, especially the donation they gave when we celebrated our centenary earlier this year.” Meeting the Queen and Prince Philip was a special moment for the family, however it was not the only special moment of 2016 as John was installed into the chair of King Solomon at Eureka Lodge installation in September.

## Keith awarded Volunteer of the Month



*Keith Rushton a great advocate for Cancer Research UK*

After losing his mum at an early age to cancer, Keith Rushton, Bootle Pilgrim Lodge No 1471, wanted to fight back and over the last 11 years has been volunteering at Cancer Research UK events. Keith was awarded the Volunteer of the Month award for September 2016.

Keith started volunteering for Cancer Research UK at the Aintree Race for Life in June 2006. Keith said: "after losing my mum at a young age to cancer, I found that volunteering was a way to fight back. Over the years I've lost more close family and friends to this horrible disease, but my volunteering has helped me through that. My main volunteering role is setting up the courses at the Race for Life events and I've done most of the 36 courses in the northwest region for the last eight or nine seasons, so I know the routes really well now. I always strive to setup the best course as possible for the participants and also to give them the best experience.

Through my volunteering, I've made a lot of friends and have visited some beautiful venues all over the country. I would encourage anyone thinking about volunteering with Cancer Research UK to do it! It will change your life for the better and one day you'll be able to say you had a part in finding the cure. My favourite slogan from my first year is 'Together we will beat cancer'. I truly believe this."

Keith's nominator and Area Events Manager, Jennifer, said: "Keith has been a volunteer with Cancer Research UK for the past 11 years. He has supported the events team both regionally and nationally to help with the running of Race for Life, SHINE, Pretty Muddy, March on Cancer, Twilight and many more. Keith is one of the first to arrive on site as early as 4am and is always the last person to leave committing over 3,000 hours to support Cancer Research UK events. His commitment and hard work is what makes him a great advocate for Cancer Research UK. The events team would not be the same without him."

## 'Move More' helps

A fitness programme which helps people living with and beyond cancer become more active has been launched in West Lancashire. 'Move More' helps people with a diagnosis of cancer to find effective ways to stay active, no matter where they are on their cancer journey, including those who have since completed treatment. Ormskirk and Bootle group publicity officer Barry Hewitt is currently taking part in this programme and finding it most beneficial. Not being aware of this activity programme until reading about it in the local newspaper, Barry is keen to bring it to the attention of the members of the Masonic fraternity who may have any family or friends suffering, or are finding it difficult after treatment to get back to full fitness. It is a joint initiative between Macmillan Cancer Support, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust and NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group. 'Move More' offers individually tailored activity programmes and sets personal goals which have a lasting impact on well-being. People can work on their fitness individually or in group settings.



*Barry Hewitt*

Classes take place on a Monday and Friday in the physiotherapy department at Ormskirk Hospital at 1.15pm and 2.45pm. 'Move More' is run by Melanie Reardon, Macmillan physical activity manager, with Tim Horn, Macmillan physical activity physiotherapist and Ann Prescott, physical activity assistant practitioner. If you live in West Lancashire, are affected by cancer, you can find out about 'Move More' from Melanie on 01695 656268 or via email [soh-tr.odgh-physio@nhs.net](mailto:soh-tr.odgh-physio@nhs.net) or contact your General Practitioner.

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## Bootle Ladies Club Annual General Meeting

For their meeting in September, the Bootle Group Ladies Club held their AGM at Litherland Masonic Hall, Sefton Road, Litherland. The evening started with a three course meal, comprising of garlic and rosemary chicken skewers with Caesar salad for starters, this was followed with roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, veg and gravy for the main course and for dessert a banoffee cheesecake in a glass. With the meal being thoroughly enjoyed by all the ladies a short break was given before the AGM started.

Minutes of 2015 AGM were read and agreed, Joan Skidmore the treasurer, presented the accounts which were then proposed and seconded, and the auditors Sheila Chambers and Doreen Maddock were thanked for their work and were proposed for another year.

Margaret Elliott gave the almoners report, Marjorie MacKinnon gave her report on the speakers and Sheila Chamber gave a short report on the Luncheon Club. This year the club had a change of chairman who will serve for two years.

The outgoing chairman, Sandra Evans, was thanked for all the work she has done in the last two years and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, before she installed Barbara Rouse as the new chairman.

Barbara took the chair and as there was no more changes to the committee, Barbara thanked everyone for coming and read out a happy thought to all.

The next meeting for the Bootle Ladies Club will be held on 25 October 2016, at Litherland Masonic Hall, starting at 7.15pm. The speaker on the evening will be Kathy Scott, with a talk on magnetic jewellery and there will also be jewellery on sale.

## Ormskirk Ladies Group look forward to their 20th Anniversary

At the September meeting of the Ormskirk Ladies Group the members were treated to a talk by Fiona Martin on her experiences as an extra in numerous soap operas and her work behind the scenes in television.

Fiona related on her involvement taking part on well known programmes such as Coronation Street, Emmerdale and Brookside, sometimes being called to report for work as early as 7am; being there all day only to appear for 30 seconds in the final televised transmission. Fiona had everyone giggling when she admitted that she didn't mind the long days as she got her breakfast, dinner and tea so it wasn't all bad.

The ladies are looking forward to the October meeting when Lynn and Alan Newton are giving a demonstration and talk on 'Stoneware Pottery'

The Ormskirk ladies group meet at the Ormskirk Masonic Hall third Tuesday of the month between September and May at 7.15pm and their meetings include a two course meal with a varied programme of interesting speakers. The group was formed in January 1997 and will be celebrating their 20th anniversary on Tuesday 17th January 2017 at the Ormskirk Masonic Hall. The members are very much looking forward to this special occasion. Entertainment on the evening will be provided by the Burscough Ukulele Band and on this celebratory evening the ladies have invited family and friends to join them. There will be a three course meal: commencing with Stilton stuffed breaded mushrooms with garlic mayo or trio of melon; for the main course slow roast brisket, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes with seasonal vegetables or lemon and dill baked salmon with Hollandaise sauce and new potatoes. For dessert there will be a choice of home-made profiteroles with Chantilly rich chocolate or toffee sauce or fresh fruit salad.



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**Editorial Notes:** *The editors of this newsletter wish to point out that due to file size restrictions imposed on them by the web site hosting company they have had to produce the newsletter in two parts. It is our intention to provide monthly editions during the Masonic season, and at other times if there is sufficient content.*

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